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Our front page pic this issue shows Micky Moore at his elusive best as he outwits the York defence. (Photo by courtesy of 'Evening Post & Chronicle').

Personally Speaking

by Ian McNeill



GOOD EVENING ALL.

A warm welcome to Hartlepool United and Manager, Billy Horner. Last season we had two draws and two finely contested matches. I hope this evening's match proves as entertaining. **Shell Shock**

Saturday's match was a game that really

set alight a problem we have developed. At present we are finding it very difficult to keep going when we have anything go against us. As far as the York game was concerned we played as well as we have ever played for the first fifty five minutes, yet once we had lost a goal we became a completely changed side with confidence draining away.

One could say we should have been three or four up which would have taken the strain off the defence, but we have to be able to defend as well, even though we are only one up. It is certainly something we have to work on. As it is we are putting away a lot more chances than last season, but this problem has still got to be solved.

One consolation as far as I am concerned is that compared with the early games we played last year, we have played much better so far this season. I am sure there is not too much wrong and that we will soon be back on the winning trail.

On the Brighter Side

John Brown is back in training and I do not think it will be very long before he is able to play again. John Curtis gets his plaster removed a week on Friday. Noel Ward has left hospital after his operation. Bob Ward is currently comfortable in Wrightington after his operation, and I hope they are all back in the fray before too long.

Best wishes.

Ian McNeill

WELCOME TO



HARLEPOOL UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB 1979/80 — (Left to Right) Back Row: G. Smith (Player-Coach) M. Fagan, M. Lawrence, W. Ayre, G. Richardson, T. Ramshaw, S. Brooks, K. Houchen, G. Larkin, D. Loadwick, W. Maddren (Coach); **Front Row:** W. Goldthorpe, M. Gorrey, M. Oman, J. Linacre, P. Staff, W. Horner (Manager), K. Norton, A. Duncan, G. Normanton, R. Hogan.



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HARTLEPOOL UNITED

IF THE members of the Football League Management Committee were ever to strike a medal for brave effort against a sea of troubles, Hartlepool United would certainly be a strong candidate to receive the same.

On the fringe of the North East soccer hot-bed, dominated by the might of Newcastle United and Sunderland, pressed hard by the traditionally strong Middlesbrough from Teesside, and surrounded by the amateur strength of County Durham, the Hartlepool United Board of Directors have battled valiantly, over the years, to retain professional soccer for their town.

In an area which has seen more than its fair share of employment problems, the grim reality of facing up to difficult situations has been as evident in club life as it has been in the day-to-day life of Hartlepool itself. The denizens of Hartlepool have smarted as much over their legendary "monkey" as we in Wigan have over our "pier". No doubt there is an equal parallel to be drawn between the fierce pride of the Hartlepool men and women and the spirit of our own local people.

There have been very few heady days of success as the routine slog of Third and Fourth Division games has dominated Hartlepool's near-sixty years membership of the Football League. Occasionally, a cup tie against the likes of Manchester United (1957) and Leeds United (1979) has drawn a capacity crowd to the compact Scarborough Street Ground, but, all too often, the club has had to battle on

against a background of inadequate support and a certain amount of public apathy.

It is against this background that we tonight welcome the directors, management and players of the very sociable and very hard-working Hartlepool United Football Club. We, in Wigan, have long admired your fighting spirit, gentlemen, and we look forward to a very competitive game as we both strive for better things.

Early reports indicate that the Hartlepool United side is very difficult to subdue, and, in Mark Lawrence, Keith Houchen and Bob Newton, "The Pool" have three strikers who will pose a threat to any defence in the Fourth Division. Currently nestling comfortably in mid-table, it is yet to be determined whether this is the season when Hartlepool United will rise from the Fourth Division, where they have languished for ten years, to sample again the joys and heartaches of the Third Division of the Football League.

It is worth noting, before closing, that three personalities who figured strongly in Wigan Athletic's non-league days also served with equal distinction at the Scarborough Street Ground: Allenby Chilton, Alvan Williams and Angus McLean.

To all in the Hartlepool United party a very warm Wigan welcome. We trust that, after an enjoyable game, your journey home tonight will be incident free and we thank you for the pleasure of your visit.

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Our early promotional push spoke of building a better Wigan Athletic, and it is at this time that we call upon our loyal supporters to back our efforts to the full. Not everyone is in an ideal position to sell lottery tickets, but, if we have any fans who work in large factories, we hope these people will seriously consider becoming agents. With your help we can go from strength to strength, without your valued assistance life will be that little

more difficult.

The winner of the £1,000 Jackpot prize for lottery number seven was Mrs. S. Christie of 7 Birch Road, Chorley. We congratulate Mrs. Birch on her good fortune, as we do the selling-agent Bromiley's Off-Licence of Botany Brow, Chorley.

Tonight's match ball has been donated by Mr. Greg Kenyon of Neville Street, Platt Bridge. Mr. Kenyon has shown his devotion to the club by donating the commission taken from his sale of lottery tickets to purchase the match ball. Thank you, Greg for your generous gesture and many thanks for all the other good work which you have completed for the club in recent times.

Enjoy tonight's game.

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Lancashire League Scene

by Fred Eyer

IT IS A good feeling for a Manager or a Coach to be proud of his team. I am always proud of mine because only I know, along with my assistant Dave Brooks, the amount of effort and sweat they put into their training on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. But it's an extra special feeling when one's players produce superb performances, sometimes against all the odds. I encountered two such occasions the other week.

The first was at Rhyl recently when we played the first round of the F.A. Youth Cup and ran out 4-2 winners. This team had never played together before but their performance was magnificent, I was pleased that the work I had done with them early in the pre-season was having some effect and that having handed them over to David Crompton in a fit condition he has moulded them into a team to be proud of, as we were on the night.

The second occasion was on the

Saturday when the reserve team "entertained" Macclesfield. On the day I can confidently say that we also "entertained" the crowd to a wonderful display of attacking football.

With the first team squad depleted by injuries, plus a desire for the next few weeks to keep the Youth Team playing en bloc in the 'A' team, it left the reserve team so decimated that it was necessary for Dave Brooks and myself to pull our boots on again for the first time for eighteen months to complete the team, much to the derision of the rest of the players.

Any doubts I had were quickly removed before the game, by the players' attitude to the occasion. I could sense that even with Brooky and myself in the side we were not going to lose our unbeaten record that day, but even I was surprised by the quality of our play and we were well worth our 7-0 victory with four-goal John Wilkie catching the eye.

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Player Profile



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JOE HINNIGAN (Defender)

JOE WAS brought up in the Liverpool area, and spent most of his school days in the Kirkby area—a breeding ground of talented young soccer players.

Joe represented Kirkby Schools at Junior, Under-14 and Under-15 levels, but, on leaving school, signed amateur forms for the neighbouring Everton Football Club. Joe stayed at Everton for twelve months before he was released, and then moved on to Aston Villa. When Villa released him after six months, Joe was terribly upset and disappointed.

The Coach of a Kirkby Sunday League side took Joe along to Garston to the South Liverpool Football Club, where he was put straight into the Youth team, in which side he did really well. The South Liverpool Youth XI reached three finals, one of which was against Wigan and was won 1-0. Within four months Joe Hinnigan was playing in the Northern Premier League, which League he

represented at Wigan, against Blackburn Rovers as an eighteen year old. After six games of the new season, Wigan went for Joe, and he signed for what he knew to be "the best non-league club in the country."

Most of us are familiar with the remainder of the Joe Hinnigan story.

Joe Hinnigan, still a young man, is looked upon as one of the Wigan Athletic Football Club's major playing assets. Constructive, cool, good in the air, and a smooth runner, Joe's ambition is to win promotion with the Wigan Club. Whether or not the Kirkby boy achieves that ambition with Wigan, only time will tell, but, one thing is for sure, Joe Hinnigan will eventually play in a higher grade of football than the Fourth Division of the Football League.

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Saturday, 15th Sept., 1979

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Wigan Scorers — Own Goal and Gerard.

F.A. Youth Cup 2nd Round

Thursday, 13th Sept., 1979

Youth XI 3 — Marine(Crosby) 2

Wigan Scorers — Mayer,
McAllister,
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Joe Hinnigan puts everything into his header, but York breathe again.

TOP RIGHT
So near and yet so far as Tommy Gore is thwarted by the York keeper

BOTTOM RIGHT
Derek Brownbill's touchline run is halted by a desperate York tackle.

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Springfield Spotlight

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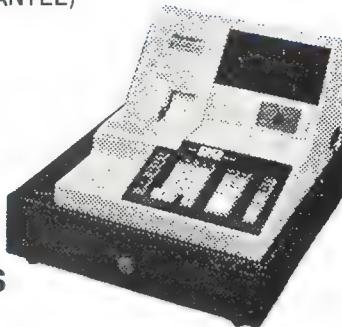
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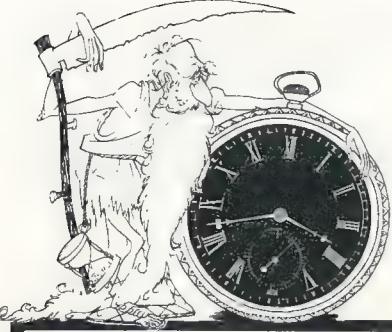
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Down Memory Lane

by Harold Ashurst

THERE HAS been a lot said and written over the last couple of weeks about the time, forty years ago this month, when Britain went to war.

As is well known, the whole sporting scene throughout the country was disrupted for six years, but there were games played and numerous "leagues" were set up.

Athletic at the time asked to be kept informed by the authorities regarding the setting up of these leagues but the first real "war time" soccer game at Springfield Park took place on Saturday, September 23rd, 1939 between Latics and those arch rivals Chorley. Wigan were then members of the Cheshire League and Chorley the Lancashire Combination.

The results was an astounding 8-2 victory for Wigan and although there were not many people there to see it — money taken was just seventeen pounds, three shillings and eleven pence, it turned out to be a thoroughly enjoyable match.

Latics over-ran their opponents in the first half, scoring six goals without reply,

but the second half was a little more even, both sides scoring twice.

Wartime call-ups had not yet robbed Wigan of any players, although there was one "new man" in the side and he certainly made an impression.

The Wigan Observer said: "The most noticeable Wigan players, and the most successful, were the two wingers. Appleton was on the right wing and on the left wing was a former Athletic player who was "having a game for practice", the popular Duncan Colquhoun. Sturdier now than when he played for the Athletic regularly, but still the old "box of tricks" and a player even more efficient than before".

Wigan scorers were: Appleton (2) Hooton (2), Colquhoun, Bullevant, Thomas and Cole. Harrison and Hartley scored for Chorley.

The Wigan team was: Littler, Robinson, Caldwell, Rimmer, Melling, Rainford, Appleton, Hooton, Thomas, Cole and A.N.Other (Colquhoun). Referee was Mr. T. Lancaster from Goose Green.

LATICS AWAY

ALTHOUGH it would be possible to route our fans to Hereford on 22nd September via the M6, M5 and M50 Motorways we would recommend those making the long and pleasant trip to use the A49. Contractors are currently carrying out major repairs on the motorways

occasioning long delays. The recommended A49 route takes travellers through Warrington, Whitchurch, Shrewsbury, Ludlow and Leominster. From Leominster follow the signposted road for Hereford and the Edgar Street Ground is easily accessible.

Facts and Figures

Home fixtures in capitals.
Wigan scores first.

Player scoring in bold.
† Player substituted.

² Figure indicates no. of goals scored by player.
* In result column indicates opponents own goal.

DATE	Fixture	F	A	ATT.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Aug 11	Stockport FLC1	1	-2	6,000	R Ward	Smart	Hinnigan	Gore	N Ward	Fretwell	Corrigan	Wright	Houghton ²	Brownbill	Purdie	Urquhart
Aug 15	STOCKPORT FLC1	0	0	7,581	Shyne	Smart	Hinnigan	Gore	N Ward	Fretwell	Corrigan	Wright	Houghton	Brownbill	Purdie	Moore
Aug 18	Darlington	2	2	2,063	Shyne	Smart	Hinnigan ¹	Gore	N Ward	Fretwell	Corrigan	Wright	Houghton	Moore	Purdie ²	Davids
Aug 22	HUDDERSFIELD	1	-2	6,927	Shyne	Smart	Hinnigan	Gore	N Ward	Fretwell	Corrigan	Wright	Houghton	Moore ²	Purdie	Brownbill
Aug 25	Stockport County	2	-1	3,837	Shyne	Smart	Hinnigan	Gore ¹	Davids	Fretwell	Corrigan	Wright	Houghton ²	Moore	Purdie	N Ward
Sep 1	PORTSMOUTH	1	-2	8,198	Shyne	Smart	Hinnigan	Gore	N Ward	Fretwell	Corrigan	Wright	Houghton	Moore ²	Purdie	Urquhart
Sep 8	Bournemouth	2	-1	4,390	Shyne	Smart	Hinnigan	Gore	Hart	Fretwell	Corrigan	Wright	Houghton	Moore	Purdie	Brownbill ²
Sep 15	YORK CITY	2	-5	5,990	Shyne	Smart	Hinnigan	Gore	Davids	Fretwell	Corrigan ¹	Wright	Brownbill	Moore	Purdie	Urquhart ¹
Sep 19	HARTELEPOOL															
Sep 22	Hereford United															
Sep 29	BRADFORD CITY															
Oct 2	Hartlepools United															
Oct 6	TORQUAY UNITED															
Oct 9	Huddersfield Town															
Oct 13	Doncaster Rovers															
Oct 20	LINCOLN CITY															
Oct 24	ROCHDALE															
Oct 27	Newport County															
Nov 3	DARLINGTON															
Nov 6	Rochdale															
Nov 9	Tranmere Rovers															
Nov 17	SCUNTHORPE															
Nov 24	F A Cup 1															
Dec 1	NORTHAMPTON															
Dec 8	Walsall															
Dec 15	F.A. Cup 2															
Dec 21	CREWE															
Dec 26	Peterborough															
Dec 29	STOCKPORT															
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Jan 5	Halifax Town															
Jan 12	Plymouth															
Jan 19	BOURNEMOUTH															
Jan 26	ALDERSHOT															
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Feb 9	HEREFORD UNITED															
Feb 16	Bradford City															
Feb 23	DONCASTER															
Feb 29	Lincoln City															
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May 3	Aldershot															

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Fourth Division Focus

by Chris Gill



BEFORE the start of the mid-week League programme the top of the Fourth Division was dominated not only by a couple of teams who showed great promise last season, but also by the four sides who were relegated from the Third Division last term.

One significant factor that emerges is that none of the top eight or so have been badly hit by injuries. So it will be interesting to see how these clubs fare when hit by an inevitable injury jinx.

Portsmouth, for example, were riding on the crest of a wave until an injury put striker Derek Showers out until Christmas. They immediately offered £60,000 for Peter Houghton as a replacement but meanwhile sent out a reshuffled side at Tranmere... and tumbled 4-1.

After going more than 200 minutes without scoring a goal at Vale Park, Port Vale hit the net with a vengeance. After Neville Chamberlain had grabbed the opener Vale went berserk, slamming Northampton for five.

Noticeably missing from the lower reaches of the Fourth Division are Halifax Town, and the man Halifax had to thank for their win over Hereford last Saturday was goalkeeper Jimmy Gough, making his league debut.

Alan Buckley is proving a true inspiration behind the revitalised Walsall. Buckley, who cost Walsall £175,000 from Birmingham, lifted his side to fourth place on Saturday with another couple of goals against tonight's visitors Hartlepool.

On the transfer scene the former Southport striker Phil Ashworth has been freed by lowly Rochdale, while a host of First Division scouts can be found at Doncaster where the attractions are teenagers Billy Russell, Stephen Lister and Daryl Pugh.

One man on the move is Scunthorpe's Kevin Kilmore who has signed for Third Division Grimsby for £60,000. Halifax are hoping to sell goalkeeper Mick Leonard to Notts County to provide them with cash to buy York's David Loggie.

Attracting the attention of Fourth Division clubs, including Stockport, York and Halifax is former Manchester City star Mike Lester, currently transfer listed by Grimsby. There's a queue too for Huddersfield full back Phil Sandercock who is believed to want away from Leeds Road.

On a crowd note, while Portsmouth, Latics and Bournemouth lead the way with attendances, Darlington's low of 1,456 for the game with Aldershot last Saturday will take some beating.

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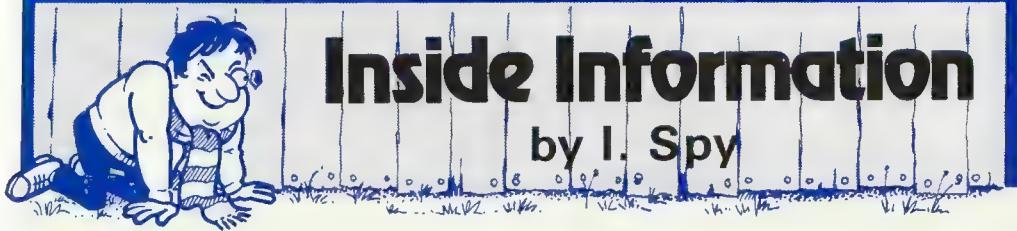
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Inside Information

by I. Spy



WE MAKE no apologies for devoting the space at our disposal to the recent visit of a V.I.P. to Springfield Park — Mr. Mike Brady of 6 Westfield Road, Bradninch, Exeter.

The name may not be familiar to Springfield Park regulars but Mr. Brady is one member of that very important group of people — faithful supporters. In Mr. Brady's case the club he supports is Exeter City.

Way back in August 1975, Mike set himself the task of visiting every ground in the English Football League. Each

ground visited, every mile covered results in cash for Exeter by virtue of the sponsorship which Mr. Brady's efforts have attracted.

Mike's visit to the Wigan v Portsmouth game leaves him with just one ground to visit — Old Trafford, the home of mighty Manchester United. As befits such a great club, United expect to roll out the red carpet some time towards the end of October, and lunch, a guided tour and a probable T.V. appearance are already on the cards. By the time he finishes his quest Mike Brady will have

covered over 39,000 miles and he will have witnessed games in all the major English, Welsh and European competitions.

On the credit side for Wigan Athletic, Mike was very impressed with the Springfield Park set-up and appreciated the friendly reception given him by Club officials. We, at Wigan Athletic, wish Mike Brady well as he nears the end of his quest. His stamina, dedication, and undoubtedly enthusiasm are an example to loyal fans everywhere.

FROM ALL at the Supporters' Club, a very good evening and welcome to the game with Hartlepool United.

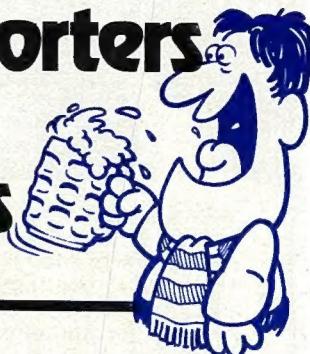
On the social and games side of the club's activities, I am pleased to say that we have made further progress with our "Bowls' Section" venture. We have finalised arrangements with the local transport authority for the use of their green at Melverley Street and I know it has the reputation of being in first-class condition. More members have also expressed a wish to join the "panel", so it certainly looks like a good start in this direction.

I have been pleasantly surprised at the number of people asking about the "Big Band Show" — "Sounds 18", and I am sure this evening will be a sell-out. Don't forget Monday October 15th, at 8.00 p.m., and my sincere apologies to all who were under the impression that the event was to take place on an earlier date.

The people who are holding the toy fair in the club on Wednesday, October 3rd, have had some samples on show during recent bingo and concert sessions, and the samples have attracted very favourable comment. I am sure that a visit to the toy fair would be well worthwhile.

The weekend concert nights and "Sing-along" are still being well supported and, just to remind you, we have the undermentioned artistes appearing in the near future.

Supporters Club News



Saturday, 22nd Sept. — Patti McCabe

Sunday, 23rd Sept. — John Trevelyan

Saturday, 29th Sept. — Second Avenue

Sunday, 30th Sept. — John Highton

I understand that, amongst other top-line acts, we have "Carnaby St." and "Winston" appearing in October. Both presentations will, I know, be first-class!!

We are sorry to record that both our club steward, Mr. Arthur Moss, and an ex-Committee Member, Ken Townley, are at present "side-lined" owing to sickness. We wish them both a speedy recovery and return to the club scene.

Sincerely,
Peter Woods



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A last word from the chairman . . .

MAY I, on behalf of the Wigan Athletic Football Club, welcome the Chairman, Directors, players and supporters of the Hartlepool United Football Club to Springfield Park. Last year both our games were drawn and I have little doubt that tonight's game will be a struggle for supremacy between two well-balanced opponents.

Little did I think when writing my notes for the York City game that, by virtue of the problems caused by air traffic chaos, my holiday in Spain would be delayed and I would be able, after all, to watch last Saturday's match. I was very disappointed that, after a very promising first half, things went so badly for us after the interval. However, Mr. McNeill is always the optimist, and I am sure it will not be too long before our results settle down and we begin the climb up the table.

Unless I am exceptionally unfortunate, my holiday will be started by the time you read these notes, but I would like to make an appeal to all supporters. Please get right behind the team with the right kind of support. No team likes to lose, particularly at home, but these things do happen, and, when the going is hard, your favourites will respond better to encouragement rather than vocal disapproval. Remember last year when we did not begin too well? Keep faith with your team and, at the end of the day, I am sure everything will turn out right.

I know you will be as delighted as I was to hear of our Youth Team's success at Marine in the Second Round of the F.A. Youth Cup. We are hoping that our boys can carry on with the good work against Chorley or Bury in the next round.

Once again, then, enjoy your football.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Horrocks".

Arthur Horrocks, (Chairman)

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Kevin Smart	2	Mark Lawrence
Joe Hinnigan	3	Martin Corry
Tommy Gore	4	Wayne Goldthorpe
Neill Davids	5	Steve Brooks
Dave Fretwell	6	Billy Ayre
Frank Corrigan	7	John Linacre
Jeff Wright	8	Keith Houchen
Derek Brownbill	9	Bob Newton
Micky Moore	10	Alan Harding
Ian Purdie	11	Derek Loadwick
Peter Houghton	12	George Smith

**Hartlepool
United**
(Red)

Officials

Referee:
Mr. Kevin McNally
(South Wirral)
Commenced refereeing when he was fourteen years of age and has graduated through local Ellesmere Port and Wirral Leagues to the West Cheshire and Cheshire County Leagues then to Football League full list in 1972. Has officiated in important English F.A., European F.A., and International fixtures.

Linesmen:
Red Flag
Mr. T.A. Jones
(Macclesfield)
Yellow Flag
Mr. D. Tweets
(Poulton-le-Fylde)

Here next...

Saturday, 29th September, 1979. Kick-off 3.00 p.m.
WIGAN ATHLETIC v BRADFORD CITY
Football League Division 4